

## **CHAPTER 23 PEDESTRIANS**

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### **2300 GENERAL PROVISIONS**

- 2300.1 Pedestrians shall be subject to traffic control signals as provided in this chapter. At all other places, pedestrians shall be accorded the privileges and shall be subject to the restrictions stated in this chapter.
- 2300.2 Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter and of Chapters 12 and 21, every operator of a vehicle shall exercise due care to avoid colliding with any pedestrians or any person propelling a human powered vehicle and shall give an audible signal when necessary, and shall exercise proper precaution upon observing any child or any obviously confused, incapacitated, or intoxicated person.
- (a) Exercise due care to avoid colliding with any pedestrian upon any roadway;
  - (b) Give warning by sounding the horn when necessary; and
  - (c) Exercise proper precaution upon observing any child or any confused or incapacitated person upon the roadway.

### **2301 TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS: PEDESTRIANS**

- 2301.1 Whenever traffic is controlled by traffic control signals exhibiting the words “GO,” “CAUTION,” or “STOP,” or exhibiting different colored lights successively one at a time, or with arrows, the terms and lights shall apply to pedestrians as set forth in this section.
- 2301.2 Pedestrians facing a GREEN SIGNAL or the word “GO,” may proceed across the roadway within any marked or unmarked crosswalk, except where special pedestrian control signals show a “DON’T WALK” signal.
- 2301.3 Pedestrians facing a STEADY YELLOW SIGNAL are thereby advised that there is insufficient time to cross the roadway, and any pedestrian then starting to cross shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles.

- 2301.4 Pedestrians facing a STEADY RED SIGNAL or the word “STOP” shall not enter the roadway, except where special pedestrian control signals show a “WALK” signal.
- 2301.5 Pedestrians facing a vertical GREEN or “THRU” ARROW may proceed across the roadway in any marked or unmarked crosswalk.

## **2302 PEDESTRIAN “WALK,” “DON’T WALK,” AND “WAIT” SIGNALS**

- 2302.1 Whenever special pedestrian control signals exhibiting the words “WALKS,” “DON’T WALK,” or “WAIT” are in place, such signals shall indicate and apply to pedestrians as set forth in this section.
- 2302.2 Pedestrians facing a “WALK” signal may proceed across the roadway in the direction of the signal and shall be given the right-of-way by the drivers of all vehicles.
- 2302.3 No pedestrian shall start to cross the roadway in the direction of a “DON’T WALK” or “WAIT” signal.
- 2302.4 [Repealed] D.C. Law 7-34, 34 DCR 5316, 5317 (August 14, 1987)

## **2303 RIGHT-OF-WAY IN CROSSWALKS**

- 2303.1 [Repealed] D.C. Law 7-34, 34 DCR 5316, 5317 (August 14, 1987)
- 2303.2 No pedestrian shall suddenly leave a curb, safety platform, safety zone, loading platform, or other designated place of safety and walk or turn into the path of a vehicle which is so close that it is impossible for the driver to yield.
- 2303.3 No pedestrian shall cross a roadway intersection diagonally unless authorized by official traffic control devices.
- 2303.4 When authorized to cross diagonally, pedestrians shall cross only in accordance with the official traffic control devices pertaining to such crossing movements.

## **2304 CROSSING AT PLACES OTHER THAN CROSSWALKS**

- 2304.1 Between adjacent intersections controlled by traffic control signal devices or by police officers, pedestrians shall not cross the roadway at any place except in a crosswalk.

- 2304.2 Each pedestrian crossing a roadway at any point other than within a marked crosswalk, or within an unmarked crosswalk at an intersection, shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles upon the roadway.
- 2304.3 No pedestrian shall cross a roadway at any place other than by a route at right angles to the curb or by the shortest route to the opposite curb, except in a crosswalk.
- 2304.4 On Kenilworth Avenue, N.E., between Benning Road and Eastern Avenue, no pedestrian shall cross the main roadway other than by proceeding over designated overpasses or through the designated underpasses.

**2305 WALKING AND STANDING ON SIDEWALKS AND ROADWAYS**

- 2305.1 Whenever possible, pedestrians shall walk on the right half of crosswalks.
- 2305.2 Where sidewalks are provided, it shall be unlawful for any pedestrian to walk along and upon an adjacent roadway.
- 2305.3 Where sidewalks are not provided, any pedestrian walking along and upon a street or highway shall, when practicable, walk only on the left side of the roadway or its shoulder facing traffic, which may approach from the opposite direction.
- 2305.4 No person shall stand in a roadway for the purpose of soliciting a ride from the driver of any vehicle.
- 2305.5 Upon the approach of an authorized emergency vehicle, pedestrians shall yield right-of-way and immediately proceed to the nearest point of safety.

